

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☒ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases

[redacted] OF THE DIVISION  
OF CORPORATE SECURITY AT  
HEARST CORP LOCATED AT 959 8th  
Ave. NYC CALLED REPORTING THE  
RECEIVING OF A THREATENING LETTER  
WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY HELEN GURLEY  
BROWN OF COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE  
AT 224 W. 57th St. NYC

Address of subject

Character of case

THREATENING MAIL

Complainant ☐ Protect Source

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 11/8 Time 10:30AM

Complainant's address and telephone number

Hearst Corp located at 959 8th Ave.  
NYC Tel # [redacted]

Subject's  
Description

Race

Sex

Height

Hair

Build

Age

☐ Male

Weight

Eyes

Complexion

Social Security Number

☐ Female

Scars, marks or other data

Facts of complaint

On instant date [redacted] telephonically contacted  
the NYO.

She stated that an anonymous letter from Phoenix Arizona  
was received at Cosmopolitan Magazine and was directed to the Editor  
and Chief Helen Gurley Brown. The letter contained racial slurs and  
threats to kill Ms. Brown. Unsub states that they will be in NY in  
one month.

Ms. [redacted] works for the head of Corporate Security  
a Mr. [redacted]. She would like an agent to call her at  
either of the above numbers re this matter.

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Action Recommended

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(Agent)

[redacted] [redacted]  
BOOK SHEET

FILE  
UNSUB  
Notes working Bureau  
11/8  
09:47

file just scan  
by CR on 12/2/65  
file on notes

critical letter  
in show's files will  
be critical FBI 12/16/65  
to sub appropriate assignment  
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Date 12/9/85

Title and Character of Case

UNSUB;  
HELEN GURLEY BROWN-VICTIM  
EXTORTION (A)  
OO:NY

Date Property Acquired  
12/6/85

Source From Which Property Acquired

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit  
VAULT/ SHELF

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same  
EVIDENCE PENDING CONCLUSION OF CASE

To Be Returned  
☐ Yes ☒ No

See Serial

Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit  
SA [redacted]

Agent Assigned Case  
SA [redacted] C-9

☐ Yes ☒ No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Description of Property or Exhibit

ONE CELLOPHANE ENVELOPE CONTAINING:

1. LETTER HAND WRITTEN CONTAINING THREAT TO VICTIM.
2. PAGE FROM COSMOPOLITAN VOL.193 NO. 5.
3. ENVELOPE WHICH CONTAINED LETTER AND PAGE FROM COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE MAILED FROM PHOENIX , ARIZONA.

Evidence Destroyed  
9/88

See 1A1

For Valuable and/or Narcotics Evidence Only

Evidence Bag Seal # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Two  
Special Agents  
Verifying and Sealing  
Bag Contents

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

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Item No.

Remarks

1. The first part of the document is a list of names and their corresponding addresses. The names are listed in the first column, and the addresses are listed in the second column. The names are: John Doe, Jane Smith, and Bob Johnson. The addresses are: 123 Main St, 456 Elm St, and 789 Oak St.

2. The second part of the document is a table with two columns. The first column is labeled "Name" and the second column is labeled "Address". The table contains the following data:

Name	Address
John Doe	123 Main St
Jane Smith	456 Elm St
Bob Johnson	789 Oak St

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(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

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Serial # of Originating Document \_\_\_\_\_

OO and File No. NY

Date Received 9/88

From Bulky Exhibits  
(Name of Contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of Contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City and State)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☐ No    Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☐ No

Title: UNSUB;  
HELEN GURLEY BROWN - Victim  
Extortion (A)  
OO: NY

Reference: See 1B1  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of \_\_\_\_\_

*Package copy for 1B1. Evidence  
destroyed 9/88.*

## CHAIN OF CUSTODY

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Item No.

Remarks

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription  
12/27/85

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On December 6, 1985, [ ] Director of Corporate Security, The Herse Corporation, 959 8th Avenue, New York, New York, provided the an original letter which was received by COSMOPOLITAN Magazine containing a threat to the Editor and Chief HELEN GIRLY BROWN.

[ ] advised that he has no idea whatsoever who may have submitted this letter to the magazine but did state that they had not received any similiar letters in the past. [ ] also provided the envelope in which the letter was contained along with a page from COSMOPOLITAN Magazine volume 193, number 5.

[ ] stated that should any further letters be received he would contact the FBI in New York, but did advise that they were not taking this matter extremely seriously but wanted to make it a matter of record.

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Investigation on 12/6/85 at New York, New York File # NY 9A-9412 -2

By SA [ ] jjc

Date Dictated 12/13/85

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DATE: JAN 2 1986

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: DOCUMENT SECTION AND ID/LFS)

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FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (9A-9412)(C-9)(P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
HELEN GIRLY BROWN - VICTIM  
EXTORTION (A)  
OO:NY

Enclosed for the Bureau is one handwritten letter along with a page from Cosmopolitan Magazine and one envelope, all of which were mailed from Phoenix, Arizona.

Enclosed for Phoenix is a Xerox copy of the above enclosures.

For information of the Bureau and Phoenix, the above mentioned enclosures were directed to the Editor and Chief, HELEN GIRLY BROWN, Cosmopolitan Magazine, New York City, New York. The letter was obtained from the Head of Corporate Security, Mr. [REDACTED] 959 8th Avenue, New York, New York, on 12/6/85.

[REDACTED] advised that the letter when received by Cosmopolitan was handled by numerous individuals, but also advised that he had not seen a letter similar to this in the past.

On the same date, Editor HELEN GIRLY BROWN was advised of the letter and stated she has never received anything of this type in the past. Both BROWN and [REDACTED] advised that they were not taking the letter too seriously, but stated that they wanted to make it a matter of record.

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[ ] was advised that should any future letters be received by Cosmopolitan Magazine, they should be handled as little as possible and placed in a glassine envelope. [ ] advised that he would recontact the NYO should he receive any further threatening letters.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Document Section is requested to photograph the enclosure for any future comparisons to be made and thereupon search the anonymous letter file to determine if an identification could be made.

ID/LFS is requested to develop any latent prints of value on the document for possible future comparisons.

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PHOENIX DIVISION

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

U Contact the U.S. Postal Service in Phoenix to determine if any information can be obtained from the cancelled stamp dated 11/1/85 from Phoenix, Arizona. //

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HEADLINES ON YOUR MAG. COVERS & OCCASSION-  
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PROMOTE JUST TO MAKE MONEY.

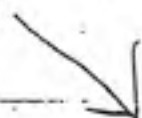
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AND MEN IN THIS REAPING THE FRUITS OF  
YOUR POISONOUS SEEDS.

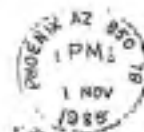
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I WILL DO TO YOU & YOUR MAMA. IN N.Y.  
SOMETHING THAT WILL TURN YOUR RAG  
SHEET UPSIDE DOWN AND MAKE SHOCKING NEWS.  
ONE ON MORE IF POSSIBLE OF YOUR SCUM  
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YOU & MOST OF YOUR STAFF TURN MY  
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A DISTURBLED AMERICAN AND A  
TRUE OFFENDER OF OUR WOMANS RIGHTS.

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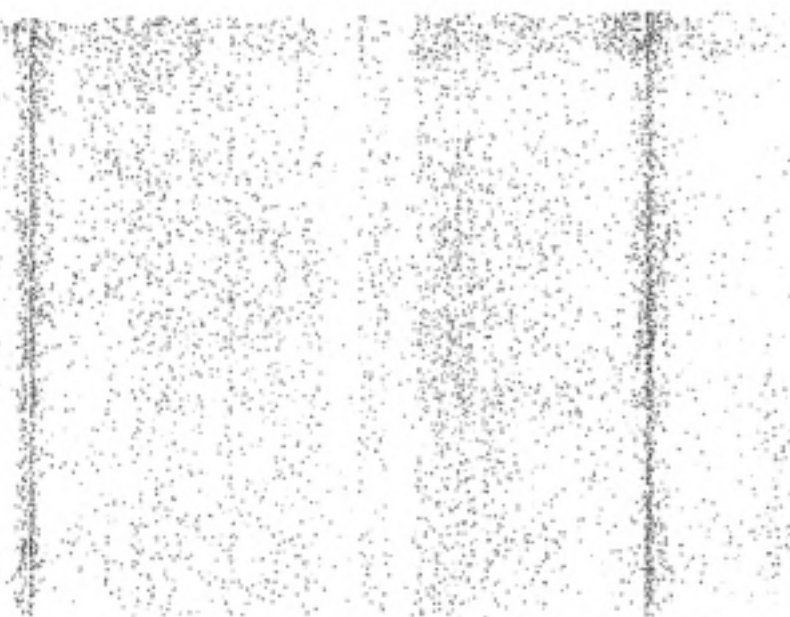




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224 W. 57 ST  
N.Y.C. 10019

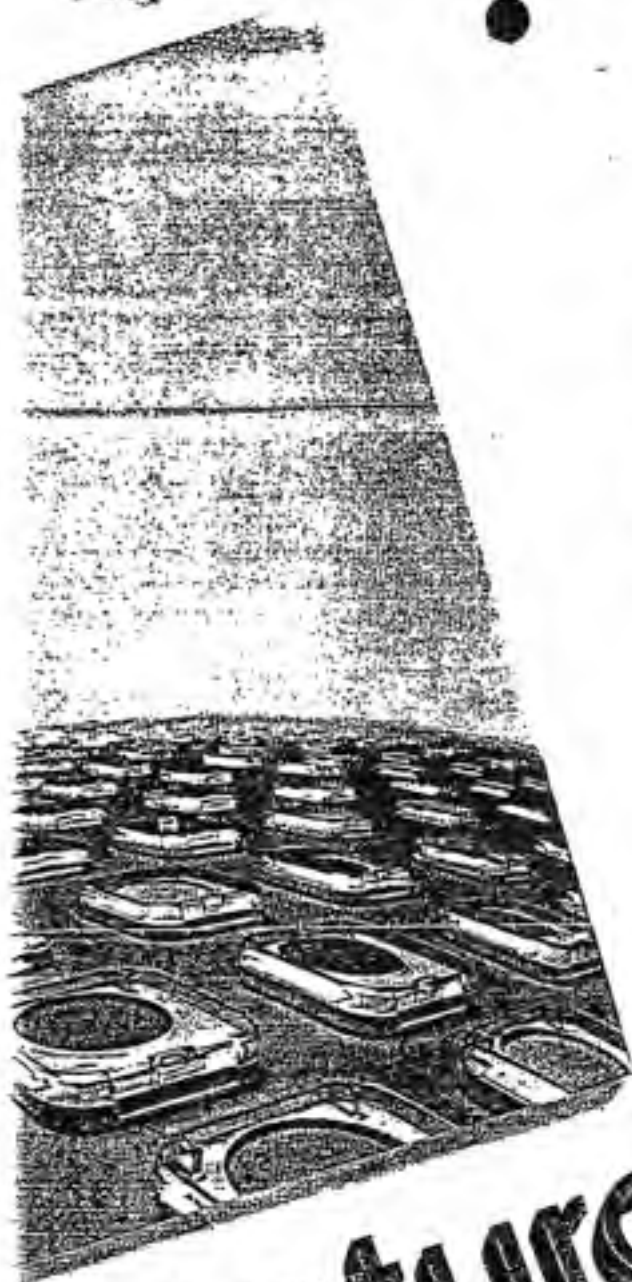
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for  
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SAVE 20¢  
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The Detail: Natural Wonder will redeem this coupon for face value plus 7¢ handling provided you and the consumer have complied with the terms of this coupon offer. Failure to adhere to these terms should not be deemed a waiver of any of the conditions. This coupon is good only when received by you from a consumer purchasing any Natural Wonder product. Invoices proving your status as purchaser of sufficient stock to cover coupons presented must be provided upon request. Failure to do so may, at our option, void all coupons presented for redemption. Coupons are not transferable. Consumer must pay any sales tax. Reproductions and facsimiles will not be honored. Void if prohibited, taxed, or restricted by law. Mail to: Natural Wonder, P.O. Box 1065, Clinton, Iowa 52734. Cash value 1/20 of a cent. Offer expires 12-31-83.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, DIVISION II (9A-9412) (P) Date 1/14/85

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : UNSUB.

14646 Gurdley Brown - VIC

FEXT (A)

(OO:NY)

Due to SA [redacted] transfer to the  
GCRA it is being recommended this matter  
be reassigned to another SA in C-9.

Less outstanding PX office letter  
submitted to BU for prints.

Red by new case agent  
4/17/86 [initials]

Place assign  
[redacted]  
[initials]  
Kam  
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1/14/86  
[initials]

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[initials]

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: ADIC, New York (9A-9412) (C-9)

February 13, 1986

FBI FILE NO. 9-69335

LAB. NO. 60108020 D SQ

Re: UNSUB;  
HELEN GIRLY BROWN - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION (A)

OO: New York

Examination requested by: Addressee  
Reference: Communication dated January 2, 1986  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Specimens received: January 7, 1986

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## Specimens:

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "PHOENIX AZ 850 78 1 PM 1 NOV 1985"  
bearing hand printed address "COSMOPOLITAN 224 W. 57ST  
N.Y.N.Y. 10019"
- Q2 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning "DEAR  
SLUMBAGS ..."

## ALSO SUBMITTED:

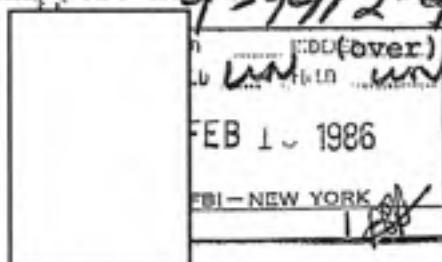
Page labeled COSMOPOLITAN

## Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were not identified in  
the Anonymous Letter File. Copies of these specimens  
are being added to the file for future reference.

No watermarks, significant indented writing  
or other marks of value which could indicate the immediate  
source of the questioned specimens were noted.

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The disposition of specimens Q1 and Q2 and the ALSO SUBMITTED item will be reported separately with the results of the requested latent fingerprint examination.

Photographs of specimens Q1 and Q2 are retained.

# Memorandum



To : SAC, DIV II (9A-9412) (P)

Date 3/10/86

From : SA [redacted] (C-9)

Subject : UNSUB;  
HELEN GURLEY BROWN - VICTIM  
EXTORTION (A)  
OO: NY

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ATTACHED IS ONE COPY OF A TRANSCRIPTION OF A LETTER  
REC'D BY COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE

IT IS NOTED THAT ORIGINAL LETTER BEARING THE NOTATION  
OF "P. S" WITH AN ARROW POINTING DOWNWARD CONCERNS  
A RAZOR BLADE TAPED TO THIS LETTER.

THE NYO IS AWAITING LFPS REPORT ON THIS EVIDENCE

THE NYO WILL CHANGE TITLE IN NEXT OUTGOING COMMUNICA-  
TION TO REFLECT PROPER SPELLING OF VICTIM BROWN'S NAME.

*File report rec'd at  
NYO on 3/29/86  
latent prints developed  
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NOTE: BELOW SUPPLIED INFORMATION INCLUDING  
MANY ERRORS IN SPELLING, PUNCTUATION  
AND GRAMMAR.

DEAR SCUMBAGS -

AFTER NOTICING YOUR GLARING PERVERTING HEADLINES ON YOUR MAGAZINE COVERS AND  
OCCASSIONALLY GLANCING AT THE TRASH INSIDE. I HAVE DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING  
ABOUT IT.

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YOU PROMOTE JUST TO MAKE MONEY.

YOU HAVE DISTORTED WHAT LOVE, EMOTION & TO BE WITH DISTORTIONS & LIES.  
PLANTING THE SEEDS OF DISCONTENT CONFUSION & FRUSTRATION IN THE MINDS OF  
WOMEN ESPECIALLY YOUNGER ONES AND CAUSING THE BREAK OF MANY MARRIAGS AND MEN  
IN THIS REAPING THE FRUITS OF YOUR POISONIUS SEEDS.

BEFORE THE YEAR IS UP I WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR A MONTH AND IT WILL BE TIME  
FOR YOU TO PAY UP. YOU & YOUR RAG SHEET OF JEWISH TAINTED COMMUNISTIC  
TACTIC OF DIVIDE & CONQUER.

SCOFF AT THIS IF YOU LIKE BUT I WILL DO TO YOU AND YOUR MAGA. IN N.Y. SOMETHING  
THAT WILL TURN YOUR RAG SHEET UPSIDE DOWN AND MAKE SHOCKING NEWS. ONE OR  
MORE IF POSSIBLE OF YOUR SCUM RESIDENT "WRITINGS" WILL BE NO MORE MAYBE EVEN  
THE VULGAR WHORE HELEN GURLY BROWN.

YOU AND MOST OF YOUR STAFF TURN MY STOMACH, I WILL NOW TURN YOURS, LITERALLY.

A DISGRUNTLED AMERICAN AND A TRUE DEFENDENT OF OUR WOMANS RIGHTS.

P.S.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/12/86

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: *[Signature]* SSA DANIEL L. BERTRAND (C-9)

SUBJECT: FILE REVIEWS  
C-9, MARCH 1986

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In recent months, especially since 1/1/86, C-9 has continually been assigned a greater investigative workload (ie. 163's, 31's, 145's) and during the same period a reduction of investigative resources (ie. transfer of SA   SA's to C-12 wire, two vehicles "surveyed" off the road). This situation has made it extremely difficult for C-9 to maintain its usual high standards; and as the work load continues to increase (ie. CAPMUR) and the resources continue to decline (ie. SA   to the "NA", SA   to SO-5) significant management steps must be applied to C-9's investigative case load.

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This memo will be utilized to facilitate the "priority" and any "status" change for each case.

PRIORITY - High

Medium

Low

STATUS - Pending

Ruc

Close

Pending Inactive

- 1 - SAC, II
- 1 - SSA, C9
- 1 - EACH C9 FILE (400)

DLB:aet  
(402) *[Signature]*



*memo after review*

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*[Signature]*



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The C-9 Desk in the past has always endeavored to open only quality PCI "Origin" cases, however, has been unable to administratively control the volume or quality of AO investigations in the Fugitive and Personal Crimes Programs, which is a considerable portion (about 50%) of C-9's workload. C-9 management cannot control the quality, quantity, or demands of the AO workload, including 163's from FBIHQ, but C-9 management can control the quality, quantity, and demands of "origin" work. C-9 work is "Reactive" rather than "Pro-Active", and due to the nature of Fugitive and Personal Crimes violations C-9 can have no so-called "unaddressed work". Therefore the following management steps will be implemented immediately:

- 1) Agents will "prioritize" all of their cases and investigative activity according to the apparent physical threat to the public, rather than any political or administrative concerns.

- 2) Wherever possible and practical, and consistent with good judgement, I shall place origin cases in P\* status for 90 days. This would likely apply to many 62E, old dog 88 and 164 cases, 178's etc.

During the C-9 file reviews scheduled for this month I shall personally discuss each case with each agent and a determination will be made as to the "real priority" of each matter, and where appropriate cause as many as possible to be placed in an RUC or P\* status.

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype  
☐ Facsimile  
☒ AIRTEL

## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
☐ UNCLAS E F T O  
☐ UNCLAS

Date 3/28/86

TO: ADIC, NEW YORK (9A-9412) (C-9)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (9A-2442) (RUC)

UNSUB;  
 HELEN GURLEY BROWN - VICTIM  
 EXTORTION (A)  
 OO: NY

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Re New York airtel to Bureau, 1/2/86.

On 3/28/86, GERRY C. VOGEL, Superintendent, U. S. Post Office, Indian School and 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, advised that Phoenix postal marks are the same for 17 different stations in the Phoenix area. No information could be determined from the cancelled stamp.



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 1 - Phoenix

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 9A-9412 (C-9) (P)  
FBI FILE NO. 9-69335  
LATENT CASE NO. C-53825

3/17/86

TO: ADIC, New York

RE: UNSUB;  
HELEN GIRLY BROWN - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION (A)

REFERENCE: Airtel 1/2/86  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New York  
SPECIMENS: Envelope, Q1  
Letter, Q2  
Page labeled "COSMOPOLITAN"

The listed Q specimens are further described in a separate Laboratory report.

Twelve latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q1, Q2 and the page labeled "COSMOPOLITAN."

The specimens are enclosed.

Enc. (3)

*4/7/86  
Dictated A/T  
to Bureau - changed  
title to reflect spelling  
correction - pmt*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AIRTEL

DATE: 4/22/86

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (9A-9412) (C) (C-9)

SUBJECT: "CHANGED" UNSUB;  
HELEN GURLEY BROWN-VICTIM;  
EXTORTION (A);  
(OO: NY)

Title mark "changed" to reflect correct spelling of victims name. Previously carried as HELEN GIRLEY BROWN.

ReNYairtel to Director, dated 1/2/86, and Bureau Laboratory and Latent Fingerprint Section Report, dated 2/13/86 and 3/17/86, respectively.

For information, no suspects have been developed in this matter. Laboratory reports reflect 12 Latent Fingerprints of value developed on evidence submitted. Document examinations were also negative. The Phoenix Division reported that the postal mark on the envelope which contained the threatening letter is utilized by 17 different postal stations in the Phoenix area. On 4/7/86, [redacted] Director of Security, THE HEARST CORPORATION, 959 8th Avenue, New York, New York, [redacted] was contacted and advised of the aforementioned. [redacted] advised no additional letters have been received by victim.

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[redacted] was advised that the New York Office (NYO) would be closing this matter and that in the event additional letters are received by victim that he should contact the NYO.

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① - New York

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DO NOT  
CLOSE ON THIS

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